

## Where's the ball?

Serving and concentrating hard in their game are doubles tennis partners David Adams and David Dunkin playing against the winning team of Bill Trickett and John Dean (not pictured). (photo: Roger Herring)

## Biology workshop planned in SLA

"Modern Concepts in Biology," a free biological workshop, will be held in the Science Lecture Auditorium at LSUS from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 20.

Sponsored by the LSUS Department of Biological Sciences through the Office of Conferences and Institutes, the workshop is designed to acquaint science teachers with contemporary concepts in biological sciences. It will consist of two 60-minute sessions in the morning, a free luncheon, and two 60-minute sessions in the afternoon.

BETWEEN SESSIONS, participants will discuss individual teaching problems with members of the LSUS biological sciences faculty. Each participant will be awarded a certificate. In some parishes the workshop will satisfy part of in-service requirements.

Session topics include cancer, how to tell a daisy, land utilization and planting, snakes in fact and fiction, human genetics and societal problems, water pollution, the effect of psychoactive drugs on the body, and biological controls in agriculture.

DURING THE morning coffee break Dr. Wayne F. Brown, assistant professor, will demonstrate the taking of blood pressure and discuss its significance.

At the afternoon coffee break, Dr. Selvestion Jimes, associate professor, will demonstrate basic microbiological techniques used in the laboratory.

PROGRAM FACULTY members are Dr. Richard Spears, professor and department chairman; Dr. Laurence Hardy, associate professor of biological sciences; Dr. John G. Hall, associate professor of agriculture; Dr. Joe Cutcher, Dr. Robert Kalinsky, Dr. Robert Haynes and Dorothy Cady, all assistant professors of biological sciences; Lillene Herring, biological sciences instructor; Brown and Jimes.

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# Almagest

## SGA donates \$700 for dance; Election Board alters decision

by GINA GORDEY

Two bills, concerning money expenditures and one senate resolution were passed in last Friday's Student Government Association (SGA) meeting.

One bill authorized \$100 for official functions that Mr. and Miss LSUS attend during the remaining fiscal year. The other bill commissioned \$700 to the Student Activities Board for a band to play for the coming Beer Bash Boogie.

THE SENATE RESOLUTION stated that all important communications pertaining to the SGA or student body be posted immediately upon their arrival.

SGA President Billy Lyons in his executive report said that the \$100 appropriated for Marilyn Kolonko and David Towns, Mr. and Miss LSUS, was an estimated top fee to reimburse them for gas and food expenses incurred at upcoming festivals in Plaing Dealing, Vivian and the Holiday-In-Dixie parade.

In other action Friday, the senate discussed possible measures to be taken to administer grades to night students. Lyons suggested that for the SGA to try and give out the grades themselves would be a violation of the Buckley Amendment, which guarantees the right of privacy to students. He added that the matter should be left to the administration.

COMMENTING ON THE recent SGA Campus Wide Discussion held in the Snack Shack, Lyons said, "We may have finally stumbled on a way to communicate to the student body. I suggest this method of communication be continued once a month." The cost for the gathering is \$16 which covers the cost of coffee and cookies.

Matters concerning the 1976 spring executive election were at a standstill Monday when three students filed for the office of vice president.

The question arose from SGA Constitution article 3.3b which stated that the vice president shall have completed 45 hours by the end of the semester of his election.

SHIRLEY JACQUES, spokesperson for the Election Board, reported that the three candidates, James Hytt, Don Edmons, and Pat Patterson challenged the article and appealed the decision of the board to disqualify them from the race.

The board Tuesday reversed their earlier decision and stated that the article was too vague and in fairness to the candidates they could continue with their campaigns.

Suggestions were made to the SGA that a change be made in the constitution immediately to correct the vagueness.

## Liberal Arts Colloquium scheduled

by KAY OWENS

A Liberal Arts Colloquium, "The Role of Liberal Arts: The Career Dilemma," is scheduled for March 25 at 7:30 p.m. in Towne Oaks Club House on Roma Drive. The program is designed to familiarize the students with the rapidly growing nation wide problem concerning a liberal arts career, according to Dr. Wilfred Guerin, assistant professor of English.

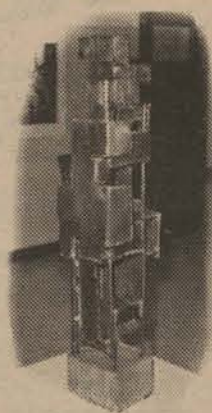
PHYLLIS GRAHAM, director of placement, will briefly discuss the functions of the placement office. Hopefully, Dr. Guerin, continued, seniors have previously scheduled appointments with Ms. Graham but she will be available to answer questions and talk about job qualifications and opportunities.

Panelists include Dr. Dalton Cloud, chairman of

communications, Dr. Don Sanderson, assistant professor of philosophy, and George Sylvie, LSUS student. Guerin remarked that the speakers will emphasize their viewpoints related to the Liberal Arts education and the Career Module system that was introduced last semester.

ALTHOUGH THE LIBERAL Arts graduate presumably has less chance finding a job than an accountant or nurse, the three speakers will present the advantages of a liberal arts profession, Guerin said. "Students who truly want to be educated: in English, history, and journalism should not discontinue their curriculum," he added.

Students preparing for the Liberal Arts degree are invited to attend the colloquium Thursday night. Snacks and coffee will be served.



## What's happening at LSUS?

In case you missed it: clockwise from top left; Announcer Ken Elliot addressed a Speech class; Sculptor, student Jeff Beaudoeff displayed his works in the gallery on the third floor in Bronson Hall; D. O. M. gave away a stereo; Missionary Betty McQueen from Uganda addressed the B S U; The Canterbury Society, Methodists and Catholics (who all meet together) released their schedual of speakers for the rest of the semester; Dr. J. R. Dixon of Texas A & M, noted Herptologist and Biologist, gave two talks on the Amazon in the SLA. (photos: Charlie Sailer)



# Campus Briefs

## Almagest Applications

Applications are now being taken for paid staff positions on the Almagest for the fall semester. Applications may be picked up in the Almagest office, room 328, Bronson Hall or from Dr. Robert Russell, room 316, Bronson Hall.

## Decorating course

LSUS will offer an interior decorating short course from 7 to 9:30 p.m. on Thursdays from April 1 through May 27.

Fee is \$35. Class size is limited, and pre-registration is necessary. Registration will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Participants may register in Bronson Hall, room 123.

The non-credit program is designed for persons interested in creating a more pleasant and colorful home through understanding the basic principles of interior design.

## Brainteaser

A square pyramid has 8 inch base edges and 12 inch lateral edges. Find the angle between a lateral side and the base.

Turn your solutions in at the Math Office.

## Rap sessions

In an effort to achieve a more personal level of interaction with upper level psychology majors the Psychology Department has initiated a weekly "rap session".

Held each Wednesday at noon in room 236, Library Building, the sessions will give students a chance to discuss informally with instructors all aspects of psychology.

Although designed for upper level psychology majors the sessions are open to anyone interested in psychology or the topic to be discussed.

The sessions will be held very informally and students are invited to bring "brown-bag" lunches with them to the meetings.

The "rap sessions" have been held for two weeks and both Dr. Benefield and Dr. Flicker have been pleased with the results. Other members of the Psychology Department also take part in the sessions.

## Sims petition

There will be a petition in the Student Government Association office for the next few weeks endorsing Gabe Sims an uncommitted candidate to be placed on the ballot for the Louisiana State Democratic Convention to be held this summer. All registered Democrats of Caddo Parish are eligible to sign.

## Writing lab

The Writing Lab located in Bronson Hall, room 210, has added two services. They now have recorded instructional materials to be used with four new cassette tape players. Also, they are building a paperback lending library offering books for recreational reading.

## Library exhibit

Recent paintings by Pat Miller Williams are being shown in the LSUS Library March 13-April 8.

The exhibit includes miniatures, landscapes, New Orleans French Quarter cottages and 18 Shreveport area homes.

The exhibit is open to the public free of charge during regular library hours.

## Savoy invited

Chyrl Savoy, assistant professor of fine arts has been invited to submit photographs of her sculpture and an artist's statement for possible inclusion in a new book.

The book, "Sculpture in Wood," is authored by Nicholas Roukes, professor of art at the University of Calgary, Alberta, Canada. It will be published this year by Watson-Guipill in New York.

Savoy also has a drawing in the Appalachian National Drawing Competition at Appalachian State University in Boone, N.C.

## Bicentennial

LSUS was officially designated a Bicentennial University at a noon ceremony in the school's Science Lecture Auditorium March 17.

John Anderson, as director of the Regional Bicentennial Commission and on behalf of the national commission, presented a scroll and bicentennial flag to Dean Mary McBride.

## Calendar

Friday, March 19

7:30 p.m.—"Fellini Satyricon," foreign film, SLA.

Saturday, March 20

Noon—Golf tournament begins, Huntington Golf Course.

Sunday, March 21

Noon—Golf Tournament, Huntington Golf Course.

Monday, March 22

Basketball finals, Ft. Humbug Gym.

Tuesday, March 23

8:30 p.m.—Bowling, Tebbe's Bowlero

Wednesday, March 24

Basketball finals, Ft. Humbug Gym

Thursday, March 24

7:30 p.m.—Liberal Arts Colloquium, Town Oaks Club.

Friday, March 26

1, 7 and 9:30 p.m.—"1776," SLA, rated G

8:30 a.m.—Youth-in-service Workshop.

## Debate team

The LSUS debate team will travel to Hammond, Louisiana to compete in the State Tournament for Colleges and Universities scheduled March 26 and 27.

Members of the team competing in this tournament are Mike Monsour, Rhett Myers, Raelene Pell, Susan Smith and Donald Wright.

## Pi Sigma Epsilon

Pi Sigma Epsilon, LSUS Business Fraternity, will hold its next meeting March 24 at 2 p.m. in the Library Building, room 216. All members and anyone interested in becoming a member are asked to attend.

Items on the agenda include a movie and planning for the upcoming national convention in Dallas.

## Parking warning

Campus Security officer Claude Overlease requests students not to park in the new parking area until it is completely finished.

## Photographers

Photographers from Louisiana will have the chance to exhibit their prints at the Old State Capitol Galleries during the annual Louisiana Photography Salon, sponsored by the State Art, Historical and Cultural Preservation Agency. The Salon this year will be held from May 2-30.

The Salon is open to all Louisiana residents, each of whom may submit up to four prints, in color and/or black and white. All entries must be on 16x20 inch mounts. There is no entry fee, nor hanging fee charged.

Deadline to receive prints in the Old State Capitol is 4:00 p.m. April 21.

The Jurors of Selections and Awards will be Dave Gleason, a professional photographer from Baton Rouge, and Ron Todd, curator of photography at the New Orleans Museum of Art.

Anyone wishing further information or entry forms may write the State Art Agency, Old State Capitol, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 70801, or by phoning the Agency at (504) 389-5086.

## Religious groups

Canterberry Society, Methodist Group and the Catholic Group meet together every Thursday from 11:30 a.m. till 1 p.m. in Bronson Hall, room 132. Speakers for the coming meetings are: March, Dr. Carl Westarp; April 1, Doris McWilliams; and April 8, Rep. Alphonse Jackson.

## Sigma Alpha Upsilon

Sigma Alpha Upsilon, Psycholinguistic Service Fraternity, will be holding its election of officers for 76-77 and award nominations at the March 27 Pot Luck Supper. All members may attend.

The fraternities Awards-Initiation banquet will be held April 24. Formal attire will be the dress of the event.

## Professors attend

Five members of the English Department at LSUS are attending the 25th annual South-Central Renaissance Conference at the University of Oklahoma (March 18-20). They are Dr. Wilfred L. Guerin, professor; Dr. Zeak Buckner, associate professor; and Dr. James Lake, David Lawson and Marily Gibson, all assistant professors.

## Learning Academy

Three members of the Psychology Department are participating in the second annual Academy of Learning program sponsored by the Boardman United Methodist Church. The programs are set for 7 p.m. each Sunday in March.

On March 14, Dr. Donita Gothard, assistant professor, will discuss "Marriage After the Children Come." Dr. Mark Vigen's March 21 topic is "Communications in a Happy Marriage," and on March 28, Dr. George Kemp, professor and department chairman, will talk about "Marriage — Sweeter As the Years Go By."

## Classified ads

The Almagest will once again be accepting Classified Ads as a free service to students, faculty and staff members. The ads must not represent a business or commercial enterprise and the policy of equal opportunity to which the Almagest subscribes must be adhered to. Ads are subject to editing and will be run for two weeks, then cancelled at the option of the Editor if not renewed.

Contact the Almagest, room 328 of Bronson Hall, phone 865-7121, ext. 328 to place an ad.



## LSUS sponsors workshop

LSUS will hold a Youth-in-Service Workshop March 26-27. Sponsored by the LSUS Department of Conferences and Institutes and the College of Education, the workshop is designed to provide training for 16-18 year-old youths planning to work in programs for children.

AN LSUS SPOKESMAN said the Shreveport-Bossier area employs a large number of youth to conduct programs for children. He said programs involving summer camps, neighborhood recreation, ex-

ceptional children, church, athletic leagues, YMCA groups and other services throughout the year often depend upon youth to supervise, instruct and guide children.

Through a variety of learning

experiences, LSUS workshop participants will have an opportunity to learn skills and gain greater understanding and knowledge which can be applied directly in work with children.

These experiences are designed to equip older youth to be more attentive to the needs and problems of children and activities that are appropriate to various program objectives.

LSUS faculty and special guest instructors will conduct the program.

**PARTICIPANTS MUST** be recommended by an agency which conducts programs of service to children. The registration fee of \$10 may be paid by the recommending agency or the participant. It covers tuition, supplies and Saturday lunch. Registration is limited. Interested youth may secure registration forms from LSUS or from an acceptable agency.

### King authors

#### "Four Days"

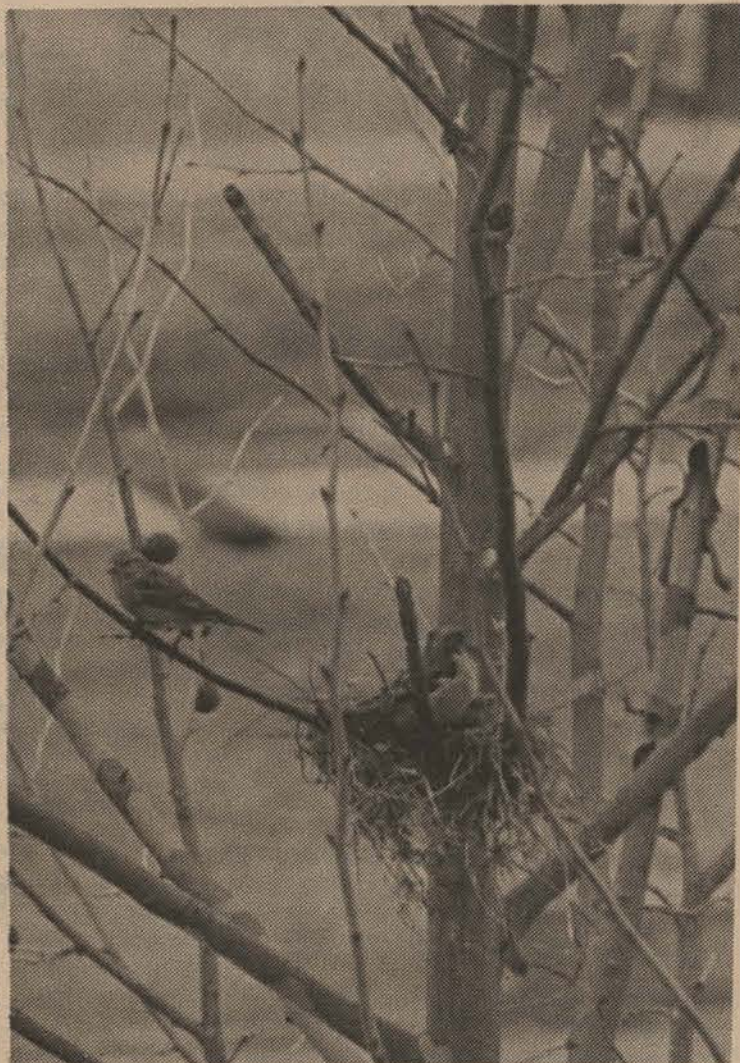
by ROGER HERRING

Hal King, instructor in communications, has had another novel, entitled "Four Days," published.

This second book published Feb. 27, along with "Paradigm Red", his first book, are classified as fictional suspense thrillers by the author.

King wrote "Paradigm Red" while working toward his Masters Degree in journalism from the University of Oklahoma.

The book is now available in local bookstores.



### Think Spring!

As birds flock to the south for the winter, one lonely wanderer makes her nest in a leafless tree outside the Science Building. This scene is an instant reminder that Spring is right around the corner. (photo: Charlie Saller)



#### Panhellenic

The 1976 Panhellenic Greek Formal will be held Saturday evening at the Howard Johnson's Motel on Monkhouse Drive. Entertainment will be provided by "Fat Chance." All members of Alpha Phi, Delta Delta Delta, Zeta Tau Alpha, Delta Sigma Phi and Delta Omicron Mu are invited to attend.

#### Phi Delta Theta

David Gorsulowsky was elected president at Tuesday's Phi Delta Theta colony meeting. Tom Leonard and George Sylvie were chosen as vice-president and secretary respectively. The next meeting will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Bronson Hall, room 132.

#### Delta Sigma Phi

Delta Sigma Phi announces two new pledges to the fraternity: Jim Joe and Bob Edgar. Participating at the first initiation of the chapter at Texas Tech was Ken Jones.

The Zeta Delta chapter plans to attend the District XVI Conclave at Stephen F. Austin University.

#### Kappa Alpha

New Officers of Delta Chi chapter of Kappa Alpha order are Rob Shaver, president; Gary Werntz, vice president; and Mark Roppolo, recording secretary.

KA will sponsor a Holiday-In-Dixie fishing tournament for children.

#### Alpha Phi

Epsilon Tau Chapter of Alpha Phi announces six pledges to the Gamma Pledge Class. They are Wanda Coe, Marcy DeLaune, Andrea Gibson, Sherri Madden, Derinda Jarnigan and Mitzi Theo.

### LSUS wins debates

A LSUS debate team of Susan Smith and Rebecca Hudsmith won the third-place trophy at the recent Texas Novice Debate Series hosted by McLennan Community College in Waco.

Another LSUS team of Mike Monsour and Donald Wright finished with a 2-2 record, defeating teams from Southwest Texas State University. Smith and Hudsmith beat teams from Southwest Texas State and San Jacinto College for a 3-1 record. They lost to Stephen F. Austin.

Smith ranked third among all tournament speakers. Wright was fourth, Hudsmith placed seventh and Monsour finished eighth.

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From the Editor's desk

# Study SGA candidates carefully

Campaigning for Student Government Association (SGA) offices of president and vice president had not even gotten underway this week before controversy arose. The *Almagest* feels that this points out the urgent need for students to carefully evaluate the upcoming SGA election.

The controversy this week involved a ruling by the Election Board which would have prevented three students from running for vice president. The specific problem dealt with interpretation of Article 3.3b of the SGA Constitution requiring candidates to have 45 hours of college credit in order to file for an office. (Also see page one story on the SGA.)

The Election Board, after ruling against the three students Monday, reversed their decision the next day. To quote the Election Board: "The Election Board still feels that the ruling on Article 3.3b was just. However, due to the vagueness as specified by the board and the lack of a Judicial Court, we feel that in the best interests of the student body and in fairness to the three candidates, we should reverse the decision."

The board strongly felt that a change in the constitution be made immediately. "We emphatically suggest that this change be approved by the Senate and placed on the same ballot with the candidates for office. This will eliminate any further discrepancies in the interpretation of this article," the board said.

In order to provide the necessary coverage of the election, our next issue of the *Almagest* will be expanded to 12 pages, including a 4 page supplement dealing specifically with the upcoming SGA election. Candidate's pictures, biographical information and platform statements will be run, in addition to election dates and other pertinent data.

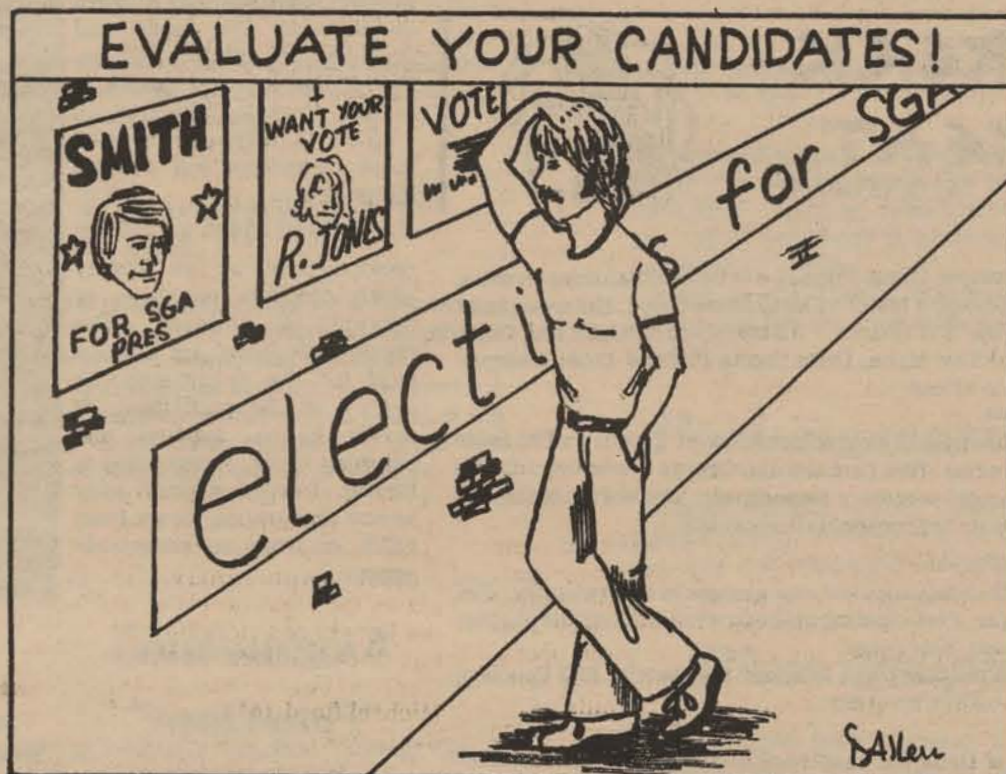
Another important part of the

supplement will include a student forum section on candidates. We invited concerned students to write the Editor to express your views on the candidate who will best serve the student body.)

Running uncontested for president is the present SGA President Billy Lyons—even though the possibility of a

write-in candidate has been mentioned. Candidates for vice president include Richard Dancy, Don Edmonds, Jim Harvey, James Hytt, Pat Patterson and Buddy Wainwright.

Again, we strongly urge all students to get to know these candidates and to actively participate in choosing your senate officers for the coming year.



## SGA: Big joke for students

by RANDY GRIFFITH

It has become evident this semester that the Student Government Association (SGA) has grown to such a cumbersome, unproductive body that drastic action is needed.

Now, already I've lost 95 per cent of the readers. Only a very small group of students care to read anything at all about student government (and most of those are in the SGA). But I'll take the risk of a limited readership and offer a suggestion for improvement.

IT CAN BE said with out reservation that the SGA is little more than a joke for students. This is not a reflection on anyone in the SGA necessarily; there are many well-intentioned and hard working students that deserve credit. But, to revert to a trite (and convenient) phrase, "it is the nature of the animal." The whole process of student government has evolved into a muddle of by-laws, constitutional provisions and rules of order—all mixed in with personality conflicts with just a dash of true communication between the students and the SGA.

ENOUGH OF THE theory. Besides, there is just no way to describe the SGA workings; you have to see it in action. Just take a look at a few examples and let the actions speak for themselves:

Last Christmas, the SGA spent a large amount of time, energy and (of course) money to put up a large tree in the windiest end of the mall—on the last day of classes for the semester. At the end of the first day it was set up, many of the decorations had blown off and the tree was leaning at a steep tilt; the star at the top had blown off. But none of that really mattered; nobody but a few passerbys saw it anyway.

The recent Library petition calling for longer Library hours (an admirable effort, no doubt) gathered over 750 signatures, a large number for sure, but just not enough.

AGAIN, MUCH TIME and energy and money was spent on a student referendum for 13 amendments were printed up and passed out to the students (as required by the constitution), but how many students actually read them? How many cared?

It was argued that the amendments "clarified" the constitution, but that's like adding a cup of dirty water to a lake of mud.

And finally, the recent Campuswide Discussion itself, which was nothing less than a complete travesty ruined by unorganization, apathy on the part of the SGA (only four of five senators attended; Billy Lyons, SGA president failed to show), and a clear lack of communication.

THE LIST GOES ON and on. What can be done? One idea is that could be considered would be to do away with the SGA as it exists now. That will cause gasps from all SGA members, but it appears to be the only way out of the thick woods of SGA red tape. In its place would be established a tape of student council of five elected members (one from each college).

The SGA is made up over 30 people; a smaller group like the council would facilitate communication within the group and between it and the students. All the red tape and certainly most of the personality conflicts would disappear and the budget would be much smaller.

This is not the absolute answer; it is no small task to do away with the SGA, its offices and officers. The panel idea is meant as only a starting board for more ideas to improve students representation. But something, whatever it is, must be done.

## Policy on Letters

The *Almagest* welcomes all letters to the Editor and will print as many as space permits. We ask that they be limited to 300 words, typed (double spaced) and on the Editor's desk (room 328, Bronson Hall) by 1 p.m. Tuesday during week of publication.

No letter will be printed unless it is signed by the writer. We also ask that the author include his address and phone number for verification.

Letters submitted become the property of the *Almagest*, and may be rejected or edited. The same standards of ethics, taste and adherence to the laws of libel followed by editors and writers for the *Almagest* are applicable to any material submitted for publication.

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Washington report

# Breaking up the gang

by JACK ANDERSON  
with JOE SPEAR

WASHINGTON — We received a mysterious call recently from a man who identified himself only as "Z". That telephone call led to the break-up of a multimillion-dollar counterfeiting ring. The Secret Service, working with our staff, arrested the ringleaders just as they were preparing to flood Latin America with \$10 million in counterfeit \$50 bills.

The story would make a great TV mystery. There are some details we still can't reveal. We have to protect the mysterious Mr. "Z." His life could be in danger from members of the gang still at large. But here are the details that can now be told:

For reasons that might reveal his identity, "Z" wanted no part of the \$10 million counterfeiting scheme. He telephoned us, because he didn't trust the government. He was afraid he might wind up in prison with the counterfeiters.

"Z" told us enough on the telephone to convince us he was no crank caller. He agreed to meet one of our reporters on a street corner in New York City. We sent Howie Kurtz, who waited on the corner with an open red umbrella so "Z" would identify him.

Mr. "Z" told Kurtz about the plan to print \$10 million in fake \$50 bills. Couriers were waiting, he said, to distribute the bills throughout Central and South America. He said at least \$1 million in

phony fifties had already been run off the press. As evidence, he gave our reporter three \$50 bills, which looked genuine to him.

At this point, they telephoned us from New York City, and we persuaded "Z" to cooperate with the Secret Service.

The next day, our reporter turned over the three \$50 bills to the Secret Service, which quickly determined they were counterfeit. In fact, more than \$36,000 from the same bogus batch had already turned up this year in Santo Domingo.

Later in the day, we put "Z" himself in touch with the Secret Service. He directed an undercover agent to Miami, where the counterfeiting ring was holed up in a fashionable, \$700-a-month house.

We have to leave out some details, but we can report that the agent made contact with the counterfeiters. Posing as an underworld operator, he dickered to buy some of the counterfeit bills.

Not long afterward, \$86,000 in fake bills were delivered to a waiting car. The Secret Service immediately arrested the ringleader, Antonio Demetrio Torrez, a printer from the Dominican Republic. Arrested with him were two Puerto Ricans, Jose Davila and Humberto Acosta.

The Secret Service also confiscated the negatives that Torrez was using to print

the counterfeit millions. Torrez still has no idea how the Secret Service nailed him.

**"The Rainmaker":** The most effective lobbyist on Capitol Hill today is William Timmons. He is known in the backrooms as "The Rainmaker" because he has been able to produce a downpour of benefits for his clients.

Timmons learned the ins and outs of Capitol Hill as a White House lobbyist for former President Richard Nixon. After Nixon's fall, Timmons set up his own consulting firm. Lobbyists never like to call themselves lobbyists. So they call themselves consultants instead.

Timmons is an unlikely rainmaker. He has a middle American look; there is nothing suave about him. He never uses high pressure. He's just friendly, easygoing, skilled at the "soft sell."

Most importantly, he knows the right people -- on the Republican side. Now he has hired House Speaker Carl Albert's top aide, Michael Reed, to take care of the Democratic side.

For years, Reed has literally sat outside the Speaker's door and has dealt personally with the Democratic Congressmen.

A few weeks ago, Reed became involved in the natural gas pricing battle. The Speaker bent the House rules to see that a bill, deregulating natural gas prices, reached the floor for a vote.

Now his top aide, Michael Reed, has gone to work for "The Rainmaker," whose clients include such natural gas outfits as Standard Oil of Indiana, the Alabama Gas Corporation, Atlanta Gas and Light, the Natural Gas Supply Committee and Connecticut Natural Gas, to name just a few.

Reed insisted to our associate, Jack Cloherty, that there was no connection. Reed said he did not use his position in Albert's office to help the natural gas clients that now employ him.

But there are those on Capitol Hill who wonder, in any event. That's the way the legislative clouds are opened on Capitol Hill.

## Inside Page

Editorials Comments Letters

## Funny farm five not much to choose from

by GEORGE SYLVIE

As I sit and watch the primary returns on TV, I wonder who is responsible for the whole mess. I mean I'm not a Walter Cronkite, or William F. Buckley, or even Alan Stonecipher (for you Shreveport Journal fans), but it doesn't take much sense to see that there's not much of a choice for the voters.

Of course, there's the big five: Ford, Reagan, Carter, Udall and Jackson. Close analysis shows that the group should be renamed the funny farm five (Randy Griffith submitted that name). If you doubt the validity of that label read on.

**FORD** (WHOM some classify as "Nixon's revenge") is Mister President, bland, colorless, conservative and rumored to have flunked his personality test. Gerry has also been quoted as saying his favorite program was whenever Ronald Reagan appeared on "Death Valley Days."

And then there's Reagan, not the one in the "Exorcist" but the one from California. A former actor and governor, Reagan has the power of ultraconservative bloc behind him and up until last week he thought the Florida Geritol group was his. But Gentleman Gerry beat him to it.

**THE STATE OF** Georgia is proud (maybe even relieved) to give us Jimmy Carter, the guy who's always smiling because he has a coat hanger in his mouth. Some see Farmer Jimmy as the next Thomas Jefferson, a man of many interests, one of which is the presidency. But Carter's record as governor of Georgia is spotty to say the least. He does have one plus going for him though—Lester Maddox has come out against him. So Carter must have done something right.

Mo Udall is trying to capture the liberal vote and will probably catch hell instead. George McGovern proved that the only way for a liberal to become president is to look like Richard Nixon and carry a plumber's wrench. The senator from Arizona will discover that the liberal vote has as much value as a WIN button.

**FINALLY WE** have Scoop (I love that name) Jackson. His problem is that too many people are saying "Scoop, Schmoop." A man from Washington state has as much chance of becoming president as I do, even less. He probably could be better at selling apples.

So who will be President? Maybe by then there will be a "viable candidate." If not, then who cares? I can always go back to writing columns about the SAB.

## Library Hotline

"WILL YOU HELP ME LOCATE AN ARTICLE IN A POPULAR MAGAZINE ON THE DUKE UNIVERSITY DIET (I THINK IT'S THE "RICE DIET")?"

This one gave us some trouble, since a search of the periodical indexes failed to turn up information under "diet," "Duke University," or "rice." A call to a local clinic gave us the name of the doctor who developed the diet - Kempner. We went back to the Reader's Guide and under Kempner located your information. In Esquire magazine, March 1973, on page 112 you'll find an article called "Fat City" which describes Dr. Kempner's clinic at Durham, North Carolina. (And you're right—his diet is the rice diet.)

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## On area media

# News Coverage: An Inside View

(Editor's note: This is the first in a two-part series that looks at the news media in the Shreveport-Bossier area. Part I deals with television and radio news coverage. The series is by members of a senior-level journalism seminar course in specialized reporting at LSUS.)

It is likely that the average viewer takes local news broadcasts for granted. Newsworthy events, he may reason, are reported.

But what do the television news departments think about their own work—how do they rate their accuracy, their depth in reporting and their daily coverage?

On the question of in-depth reporting, the consensus of local television newscasters is that their efforts are not as thorough as they should be. Financial restrictions and a lack of manpower are cited as the major stumbling blocks, according to station news directors.

Don Owen, news director at KSLA (Channel 12), said "no one in the Shreveport market is doing an admirable job," and he included his own station in that indictment. He believes there are two reasons why. First, he said, is "the lack of desire by (station) owners to crusade in communications."

Second, Owen said that the financial considerations of keeping a specialized reporter in a business which requires all reporters in the field daily is not usually in a station's budget.

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KTBS (Channel 3) News Director Miles Resnick holds a similar view. Every investigative reporting project, he said, requires two people—a photographer and a reporter. "I can't afford the luxury of sparing two people to go out on a story that may not produce. To produce a good investigative story, you've got to be able to go out and live with the news for a while."

"Many news stations have their hands full in just reporting the news accurately," said Ken Elliott, news director at KTAL (Channel 6). Elliott said many newspeople are under-qualified and some use bad judgment in reporting. He added that the problem was not confined to this area.

Mike Staggs, KSLA reporter, said "television has not been staffed with investigative reporting in mind. In the first place, investigative reporting is too expensive. It is not the kind of thing that can be approached on a part-time basis—it has to be done fulltime."

At KTBS, general assignment reporter Dan Harrison has a different view of in-depth reporting. It is more a newspaper function than a television one, he said. "On TV you can't go as deeply into a subject. Newspapers have a better opportunity because here, we put it on the air once and then it's gone. The press created it and TV has picked it up."

It news gathering a competitive enterprise?

Absolutely.

Resnick said that competition between stations for news is becoming "cutthroat," but that it is constructive competition. "It is war, but it's all done on a professional level."

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Elliott agreed that competition among stations was keen and that KTAL is broadening the scope of its coverage to include more of the outlying areas.

Inherent in the news gathering are controversial subjects and "sacred cows"—stories sometimes considered untouchable for newsmen because of their controversial nature or because they are tabooed by station owners or management. Local newsmen were quick to respond to subject of sacred cows.

"There is nothing I can't report on," said reporter Post. But, he added, certain

subjects can not or should not be reported due to a legal technicality or in the interest of security. Whatever the story, Post said, if it is important enough the public will learn about it.

When a controversial subject arises, Owen said that the decision whether to air the story is made "98 per cent of the time" by himself with the reporters working on the story. He said management will also occasionally be consulted if the story might cause hostility or have an adverse bearing on a particular group. The

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management usually goes along with the story to be aired on KSLA, he added.

KSLA reporter Tom Erwin said the only way to keep a story off the air is "if we're not sure of the facts or think the story will do more harm than good."

Resnick said KTBS had no sacred cows and that he would "burn anybody who deserves to be burned." But he said he makes certain a story is true and that there are no grounds for a law suit before the story airs.

News director Owen said that local public officials have been "coddled" and that the local media tends to "handle public officials with kid gloves." He explained that in Shreveport there still remains a small town atmosphere where public officers and the media are "buddy-buddy."

Elliott felt that the media is too hard on local public officials, but said criticism is in order "if they are not doing their job." It is the reporter's job to get both sides of the story. "The object of the news at Channel 6 is to present the news in an unbiased, unslanted way without doing undue harm to any individual."

None of the local stations produce commentaries—the broadcast medium's version of a newspaper editorial—in their news programs, and with good reason, says Owen. "The news is supposed to be objective. Too many times the commentator is a reporter commenting on what he reports. I don't believe that I could gather news and then present the views of one side. That is not the function of a reporter."

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News director Elliott said that though commentaries are not aired by KTAL, they have not been ruled out for the future. "If you have a valid point of interest or importance," Elliott says, a commentary would have a place in a news program. But, he believes, required daily commentaries are undesirable.

Shreveport has 14 radio stations serving the city and surrounding area and most radio newsmen interviewed consider media coverage in the area to be inadequate.

"Overall, for a city its size, Shreveport has rather mediocre journalistic coverage that is not only limited to the broadcast media," said Russ Wise, news director at KWKH.

Andrew Pontz, assistant news director at KEEL, criticized the capabilities of those persons involved in gathering news and said, "There are a lot of people that just aren't competent to do what they are doing."

Pontz said more specialized writers, knowledgeable in the "workings of state and municipal governments, economics and medicine, are needed." However, radio does not have the financial resources to hire them, he said. KEEL has four fulltime newsmen who gather local, state and national news by means of field reporting, telephoning and utilizing the wire services.

Ken Booth, KEEL news director, criticized local radio stations and said that too many stations in Shreveport depend on the "rip and read" method of announcing news—that is, relying on only the wire services for news.

Booth added that wire services provide good coverage of national and state news and said broadcast media in Shreveport do a better job of covering state government (than the print media) because broadcast stations use more copy about state government from the wire services.

"But quite often broadcasting stations are put in positions of neglecting local news," because of their smaller staffs, he said. The print media is able to do a more thorough job of covering local news because of larger news departments, Booth said.

Doyle Harden, KJOE news director, also criticized the media's effectiveness and said, "The news media in Shreveport is certainly not doing an adequate job. There are several reasons for this," he said, "but the first and most obvious is just plain laziness. Reporters just do not follow through with a story." He said ineptitude and lack of aggressiveness on the part of reporters are also reasons for an inadequate coverage of news.

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*just aren't competent...'*

Pontz said that radio and other news media need people who "have the ability to probe and get more out of a story that might just seem routine," but that capable newsmen are difficult to find.

Bill Bradford, news editor at KOKA, said he considers that his station's news department, operated with a two-man staff, disseminates news inadequately.

"It is extremely inadequate," he said. "The budget is much too small and there is only a limited amount of work which can be done by a two-man staff."

Wise said that the size of the KWKH staff is adequate and there is no budget problem.

KEEL's director said that his station provided him with enough equipment and supplies, but lacked physical space in which to work. Booth said that the news department is adequately financed for the size of the market the station serves.

KRMD maintains at best a token local newsgathering operation. The station's news staff consists of one man who doubles as the station's sports announcer.

KRMD sportscaster and newsmen Tony Barrett, said the station is primarily geared toward providing entertainment—sports and country and western music.

Barrett said the station broadcasts about 30 sports events each year. The station uses the Mutual Sports Service for broadcasts of national sports and the NBC radio network for national news.

Barrett said KRMD had not attempted investigative reporting and has no plans to do so.

Wise and Booth said that investigative and in-depth reports are part of their coverage for local listeners.

KOKA's staff, Bradford and News Director Bill Fuller said they do investigative reporting when time and money permit it. Liquor sales on Sunday in the Shreveport Metropolitan area was the 1974 subject of their most recent investigative story, they said.

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Ray Kendall, a KJOE reporter, said his station does "investigative stories." The station has not broadcast any specials because the station's format is still undergoing study, a station official said.

In addition, most of those interviewed said that there was no subject too sacred for them to investigate. They also said that management seldom, if ever, interfered in news policy. And advertisers, distraught over content of news, are seldom a problem.

Most radio newsmen refrained from criticizing the shortcomings of their own station's newsgathering efforts, limited their discussion to praising their efforts.



## College credits can be earned by losing excess weight in Vermont

By KIM GARFIELD  
Pop Scene Service

Lose weight and earn college credits at the same time? That's what a lot of students will be opting for this summer at the Green Mountain Weight Control Community for Young Women in Poultny, Vermont.

The three-year-old program offers four-, eight- and 12-week sessions in nutrition education, exercise, eating techniques, behavior modification and career guidance for ages 18 to 55. Students at the college can earn up to six elective credits for taking it.

"OUR MAIN goal is lifelong weight control and health, without the usual hangups or feelings of deprivation," says Thelma J. Wayler, Director of Green Mountain and associate professor of Nutrition Education at Long Island University. According to Prof. Wayler, dieting is in itself meaningless unless the individual changes an attitude toward food intake. "I hate the word 'diet,'" she says. "A diet is something you can go off, especially in times of stress. Prof. Wayler also believes that Green Mountain differs from the usual diet camps, milk farms and health spas because it focuses not on food but on

behavior toward food.

There are three basic requirements: All must take "Nutrition Behavior and Body Awareness," offered twice a week and featuring such expert guest speakers as Dr. Jule Hirsch of Rockefeller University; all must attend at least two Body Conditioning classes per day, six days a week (class activity differs according to age group); and all must attend at least one Group Interaction session per day where participants rap about behavior, attitudes and self image.

ASIDE FROM these basic requirements, everyone is free to choose from tennis, golf, bicycling, yoga, dance, posture, college guidance and career selection. "If we can get the 'binge eater' to postpone that need for immediate gratification by doing something else for just 10 minutes, then she might change her mind about having to have

that chocolate chip cookie," says Prof. Wayler.

May 'overeaters,' on the other hand, simply don't realize that they are overeating, Prof. Wayler points out. At Green Mountain they learn about food portions and combinations of food.

Before an individual is accepted by Green Mountain, she is carefully screened as to her "readiness factor" as well as her understanding of what will be expected from her. During the first week, participants are encouraged to explore all of the different activities and choose those that they want, in addition to the three basic requirements.

IT'S TOO SOON to evaluate the success of Green Mountain Weight Control Community for Young Women. Follow-ups are being done and Prof. Wayler hopes to have enough solid data soon to put into a book.

"We have found that many of our graduates are maintaining the desired weight. Those who don't at least have the tools to begin all over again. Meanwhile, when I bid them farewell, I always say 'success,' rather than 'good luck.' 'Cause luck won't do it. Using your head will."

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## Foreign film shown tonight

"Fellini Satyricon," the third in a series of spring films sponsored by International Cinema, will be shown at 7:30 p.m. Friday (March 19) in the Science Lecture Auditorium at Louisiana State University in Shreveport.

Tickets, which may be purchased at the door of the auditorium, are \$2 per person.

The 1970 Italian color film is 127 minutes long. It includes English subtitles.

"Satyricon" received the Critics' Prize as Best Italian Film at the Venice Film Festival.

Stefen Kanfer of Time magazine wrote "There have been hundreds of Freudian films; 'Fellini Satyricon' is probably the first—and certainly the most important—Jungian one. In the course of two hours and seven minutes, images, totems, and archetypes rise and burst like hydrogen sulfide bubbles from the marsh of the collective unconscious. The unsynchronized sound track has the timbre of racial memory, echoing some internal dream time."



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## Campus Personality

### R.O.D. 'Reb' tells all

by SANDY BELLAR

Junior Journalism major, Greg Goodwin, represents LSUS on the Shreveport Journal's Youth Advisory Committee. Once a month the committee meets to discuss how to make the Journal appeal to more readers. He was chosen for this position by the Communications Department.

Greg was a photographer on the Almagest for two semesters. He received his photo journalism experience in the Army. Registered in the service as a journalist for two years, he worked in the special service photo laboratory, was a correspondent, was a First Cavalry journalist and photographer and worked in photo lab printing. He was also a photo-lab instructor for nine months.

WHILE IN the service he became a Reformed Orthodox Druid which is more of a social fraternity rather than a religion. He jokes that he and the other druids would get out of Army chores by saying it was a "Reformed Orthodox Druid Holiday" as they conspired with the Catholic chaplain. There are 15 Druids in the entire religion.

Officially he is called a 'Reb' or the third High Priest. The first High priest lives in Philadelphia and the second lives in Iowa. They keep in touch by telephone.

The indoctrination ceremony requires that two of the high priests be present, therefore it is not easy to become a Reformed Orthodox Druid.



Greg Goodwin

A graduate of North Caddo High School, he was elected by the student body to be mayor of Vivian for a day.

AFTER HIS Army discharge, he married his wife, Pam, who is a registered nurse with the Public Health Unit. His hobbies are reading and going to movies to add facts to his trivia collection.

He plans to do his internship with a local radio station next fall. After graduation he wants to go into broadcasting.

## Bud Drinkers, can you figure this out?

Joe walked into a bar one day wanting to buy 4 quarts of Budweiser. His friends Bob and Fred were less thirsty and wanted to buy only 3 quarts each. This particular bar sold only Bud on tap, and either in 3-quart pitchers or 5-quart pitchers. Using these pitchers as measures, pouring the Bud from one to the other, how did the bartender measure out exactly 3 quarts for Bob, 3 quarts for Fred, and 4 quarts for Joe?



ANSWER: First he filled a 5-quart pitcher. From that he filled Fred's 3-quart pitcher. Then he poured the remaining 2 quarts into Bob's pitcher. He filled up the 5-quart pitcher again and used it to top off Bob's pitcher, giving him 3 quarts and leaving Joe with 4; then charged them all four quarts and labor and drank a 5-quart pitcher himself.

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## Independent over Deviates

Sandy McIntyre

Welch Independent was back on its toes Monday night at the Fort Humbug Confederate Memorial gym to run over the Standard Deviates 72-40.

In the opening seconds of the game, the Deviates gained possession of the ball only to fumble giving Welch Ind. a chance to take an early lead of 6-0. But soon afterwards, shots by Steve Owens and Eaton of the Deviates tied the game up 6-6.

LARRY BARNES of Welch didn't seem to appreciate this too much as he sank a twenty-footer, two lay-ups off of full court passes and two jumpers to put Welch ahead 22-10 midway through the first half.

In the closing minutes of the first half, Welch Independent poured on the defense and was bringing the ball to their end of the court as fast

as the Deviates could take it away. Larry Barnes and David Welch teamed up to give the Deviates a hard time bringing the ball down the court.

IN SECOND HALF action, Welch Independent appeared to be falling apart after losing the tip and throwing a wild pass out of bounds. But soon they were back on their toes.

Team work by Barnes and Welch on offense soon helped Welch Ind. take a substantial lead and hold on to it for the remainder of the game in Monday night's intramural basketball action.

DAVID WELCH was high scorer for Welch this week with 28 and Larry Barnes hit 12 for 24 points. In free throws, which were numerous for Welch, he hit 6 out of 9 attempts.

For the Deviates, it was Eaton scoring high with 12 points followed by Steven Owens scoring 10.



## Sit on it!

Paul Caldwell of the Misfits doesn't seem to know exactly where the ball is in Monday's Intramural basketball game with the Misfits taking on DOM. Mac Brand of the Misfits goes for a jumper against Marvin Street of DOM. The Misfits won the match by defeating DOM 102-47. (photo: Charlie Sailer)

## Sport Shorts

### IM gym rules

A reminder to all Intramural basketball participants is there is no smoking or street shoes allowed on the gym floor. Anyone caught on the gym disobeying these rules will be severely reprimanded by Ft. Humbug officials. It also makes the LSUS intramural Dept. look bad.

### Women's doubles

Women's doubles in the LSUS spring tennis tournament will be played Friday, March 19 on the campus tennis courts. Bad weather was the cause of incompletion of the tournament last week, according to Marvin Street of the Intramural office.

### Chess tournament winners

George Leritte was this year's LSUS spring chess tournament champion in the Snack Bar winning 3½-½. Pat Dowling took second place 3-1. Both players were awarded trophies. Other contestant scores: Mike Owens—2½-1½, John Clark—2-2, Steve Merriman—2-2, Eliz Wheeler—2-2, Marvin Street—1-3 and Gary Rowland—0-4.

## Intramural Scores

### MONDAY BASKETBALL SCORES

Welch Independent — 74	Standard Deviates — 40
Misfits — 102	DOM — 47
Mac's Pac, Ltd. — 67	KA — 21
Greenway Gang — WOF	Zig Zag — Forfeited

### BASEBALL SCORES

Mac's Pac—2	Alpha Phi—1
Average White Softball Team— 14	Delta Sigma Phi—13

Pilots—Zeta Tau Alpha—No one showed up for the game.



### Softball Season

Softball season began on Tuesday, March 16, at LSUS. Due to the sun setting early, the next few games will be five innings each, according to Marvin Street of the LSUS Intramural Office.



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